



Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to all the children who brought in excellent **homework projects**. This term we tried something new and instead of just showing our own class we invited children from our partner class to come along and look at the homework and nominate pieces they thought were particularly good. We also thought it would be helpful for parents to see the range of homework ideas so we put a few pieces from each class on display in the hall after school on Monday. Thank you to the parents and friends who were able to drop in to have a look. Well done to everyone who is keeping going with reading, learning spellings/phonics and Maths Passport targets – the most important homework!

Thanks also to friends and family of **Y5** who put on a good class assembly this morning for us – despite being a couple of key performers down and not having Mr Davies in school yesterday to practise! As well as showing us how much they are learning in their **Circle of Life** topic (which includes work on Africa and animal adaptation) they showed they are developing great **growth mindsets** through the way they take on challenges, overcome obstacles, enjoy and learn from the success of others, take and use criticism and put in lots of effort. Well done Y5!

At lunchtimes some children have been enjoying activities, such as den building, put on by **Woodcraft Folk**. Most of these children are also going to the drop in taster sessions after school on Fridays in the hall. Families can just turn up to the Friday sessions or return the permission slip to join in the activities. If you have mislaid the original letter download another at www.woodcraft.org.uk/ngp

On Friday last week children from our school were offered the opportunity to join **St Michael's Church Choir**. KS2 had a singing workshop in the afternoon and the chance to join in with open auditions. We had a great time and received compliments from the workshop leader who said that our Y6s were more enthusiastic singers than at most schools she visits. She also said that being keen was the most important attribute to have when joining a choir, so if your child didn't receive an invitation but would like to join the choir, please ask for a spare letter from the office.

Class	This Week's Superstars who have been chosen by the staff in their class:
YR (Thames)	Edwin is trying new food at lunchtimes and Isabella is becoming more confident to come in independently in the morning.
Y1 (Nile)	Khi is trying very hard to write one good sentence with finger spaces and punctuation and Joeisha uses her phonics well when reading and has great concentration.
Y2 (Aruvi Aru)	Irish worked hard in maths yesterday on her bar graph to record data. Lily worked hard to use adjectives, adverbs and Shire Oak handwriting in her poem.
Y3 (Rhine)	Benji added detail and extended sentences to an introduction to a Greek myth. Natalie is trying really hard to do the right thing all the time. Well done – keep it up!
Y4 (Ganges)	Django and Theo because they thought and measured accurately to make fraction walls. Maleehah worked well on fractions with the same denominator and Hamza gave a clear explanation of scale on a negative number line.
Y5 (Tigris)	Amber is making more confident contributions in class and Shazfa always makes the right choices for her learning.
Y6 (Amazon)	Jayden is developing his growth mindset by reacting positively to advice about his work. Kobe embraces challenges in maths and English and independently tackles problems.

Well done to Mrs Ellis and the team in the **kitchen** who were awarded top scores in their recent, unannounced hygiene visit. We weren't at all surprised, but we are pleased! Have a lovely weekend.

Jane Astrid Devane

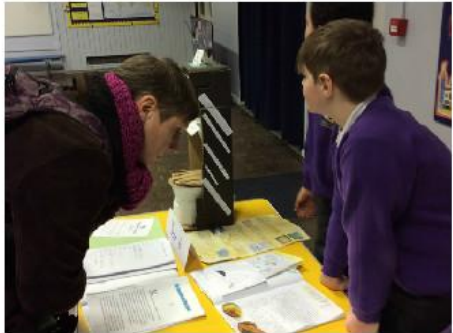
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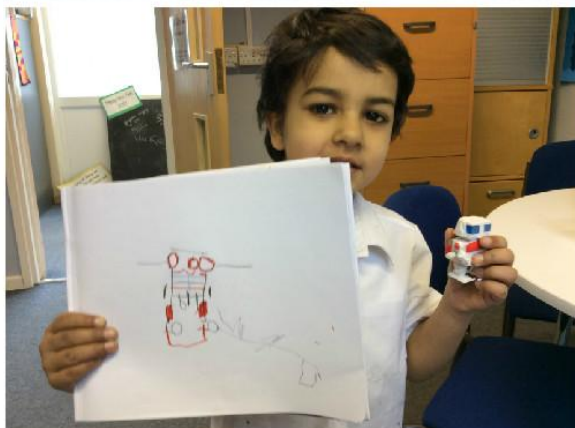
That our Extended Schools Cluster has access to Food Bank vouchers for any family experiencing a crisis. Contact Hilary Whitehead if you would like us to apply for some for you at any point.

Photos below from our **homework sharing events, Y5 assembly** and learning with **Music Students** who are doing some lovely work with classes (especially Year 2 and Year 5.) You can also see two **school councillors** feeding back to the class from their meeting about improving the KS2 toilets.



These photos are from the **singing workshop**.

Children come to show me their work when they or their teachers are very **proud of the effort** that went into it. Here is a drawing from Reception that was worked on for a long time.



DIARY DATES

Friday 13 th February	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Friday 13 th February	* Year 1 and Year 2 dress as a hero day (includes everyday heroes!)
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th February	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Monday 23 rd February	* Our Safer Internet Day with a production to watch in the morning
Tuesday 24 th February	* Chinese New Year dinner at lunchtime
Thursday 26 th February	* Y5 drama and writing project with Alive and Kicking (to be confirmed)
Friday 27 th February	Stay and Play, 9am in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Parents and carers welcome.
Friday 27 th February	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y3 please.
Monday 2 nd March	FOSOPS meeting, just after drop off in Kidzone. All welcome.
Tuesday 3 rd March	* KS1 visit from firefighters with a fire engine (subject to change)
Tues 3 rd & Wed 4 th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 5 th March	* Y5 drama and writing project with Alive and Kicking (to be confirmed)
Friday 6 th March	Holi (Hindu Festival) assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 13 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March	Year 4 Residential, Bewerley Park, North Yorkshire.
Friday 20 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 27 th March	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y4 please.
Wednesday 1 st April	Y3/4 Easter production
Thursday 2 nd April	FOSOPS Easter Egg Hunt after school
Friday 3 rd - Friday 17 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 1 st May	Year 3 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 1 st May	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y5 please.
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY, SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 8 th May	Year R Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Y6 KS2 SATs Test Week.
Wednesday 20 th May	House Team hobbies half day
Thursday 21 st May	* Leeds Book Awards
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	HALF TERM (Kidzone may operate a playscheme)
Friday 5 th June	Year 4 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Friday 5 th June	FOSOPS bun sale after school in the hall. Buns from Y6 please.
Sunday 7 th June	* Shire Oak Sunday. Our contribution to the All Age Service at St Michael's.
Saturday 13 th June	Headingley Youth Music Festival at Shire Oak (date to be confirmed)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Movie Night
Wednesday 24 th June	TRAINING DAY
Friday 26 th June	Year 1 Class Assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Wednesday 8 th July	* Transition day for students at Lawnswood and parents evening
Thursday 9 th July	* Transition day for students at Lawnswood
Friday 10 th July	Eid assembly, 9am. All welcome.
Tuesday 21 st July	Last day of the school year

* means added or changed since last newsletter

We take the safeguarding of children very seriously at our school and we appreciate your help with this. If you have any concerns or observations regarding **health and safety**, please contact Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Liz Craven.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding **child protection** issues, please speak to Jane Astrid Devane, Marcelle Maver or Hilary Whitehead.

If you have questions about your **child's progress** or **how to help them** with the learning they find difficult please speak to your child's teacher or make an appointment to see them via the school office.

The governors are always interested in hearing the **views of parents**. If you would like to speak to a governor, then please email the chair, Janie Percy-Smith janieps@aol.com (Janie is also in school most Tuesdays if you would like to talk to her.)